operations, excess manpower, obsolete machinery, demand constraints, inadequate financial resources etc.

(c) and (d) Agents are appointed in foreign countries by the concerned PSUs for marketing tie-ups to boost exports on the basis of their suitability within the frameword of Govt. guidelines in this regard.

The Indian Missions abroad are in close touch with the Apex Chambers of Commerce, Export Councils, PSUs and business groups and are constantly informing them of marketing opportunities in the countries of their accreditation. They are helping Indian delegations abroad and extending help wherever possible to promote the interests of the Indian companies in contracts in which they participate.

The PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry are entering into tie-ups with export agencies in India including those in the Private Sector on the basis of commercial consideration.

**Production of Electricity from Waste by Mumbai Municipal Corporation**

*457. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Municipal Corporation is entering into production of electricity by burning solid waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries which are having such type of power generation stations;

(d) the quantity generated by each such country;

(e) the cost incurred thereon by them; and

(f) whether Government are planning to promote such industries and encourage the Municipal Corporation and Councils in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Mumbai Municipal Corporation is not entering into production of electricity by burning solid waste.

(c) to (e) Such details are not available.

(f) There is no proposal at present for direct burning of solid waste for power generation. However, Government is promoting utilisation of wastes for energy recovery through other routes. A UNDP/ GEF assisted programme to demonstrate technologies for Biomentanation of solid wastes has been initiated. A proposal received from an Australian firm for extration of landfill gas and power generation there from is also being facilitated. Polletization has been successfully demonstrated in Bombay and the same technology is being considered to encourage at other places.

**Future programme of sending Satellites in Space**

*458. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the future programmes about sending Satellites in Space;

(b) what is the number of such Satellites that will be sent and the objectives of sending such Satellites; and

(c) whether these Satellites will be fully indigenous or some of their parts would be imported?

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